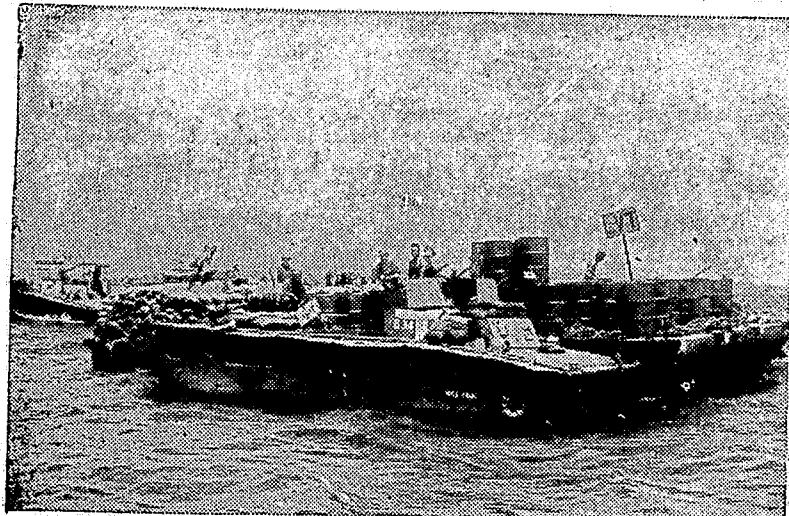


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Seabees Keep 'em Moving



Members of the famous Seabees man a pontoon barge "retrofitting depot" for amphibious tractors off one of the Pacific Islands during the assault. Now in their fourth year the Seabees have established an enviable reputation through their accomplishments. Back these boys to the limit with the continued purchase of War Bonds.

WHAT CAN YOU SPARE THAT THEY CAN WEAR

Across the barren wastes of war torn countries, wander multitudes of dazed and destitute people. Their appalling number, in Europe alone, is 125 million, of which more than 30 million are children. They are living in the ruins of their homes. They are working in their ravaged fields. They are kept alive by courage than by food; warmed more by hope than by clothing. Working in waiting... even as we—our total Peace.

These men, women, and children—innocent victims of Nazi oppression—have been robbed of all but life itself. During five long, horror-filled years of war, the clothes on their backs have worn to tattered shreds and rags. Production of new clothing has been impossible—so their need will continue long after the end of hostilities.

Many Thousands Have Died

So scarce and scanty have their garments become that, during winter months, deaths from exposure have equaled—and in some areas exceeded—deaths due to starvation and malnutrition.

The clothing these people need so desperately is available.

Some of it now reposes in your own closet or attic. The rest of it lies forgotten in millions of other American homes.

What You Can Do

1. Get together all the serviceable used summer and winter clothing you can spare. This includes: Men's, women's, children's, and infants' wear, and shoes. Overcoats, topcoats, suits, dresses, shirts, slacks, jackets, pants, work clothes, gloves, underwear, sleeping garments, robes, sweaters, shawls, and all knit goods. Also blankets, bedclothes.

2. Take your contribution to your local Collection Depot at Chamberlin's store now or telephone 30 and arrange for collection before April 30.

RATION TIMETABLE

MEATS & FATS—NOW GOOD: Red Stamps T-5 through Z-5; A-2 through P-2, in Book Four, worth 10 points each; T-5 through X-5 expire April 28; Y-5, Z-5 and A-2 through D-2 expire June 2; E-2 through J-2 expire June 30; K-2 through P-2 expire July 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—NOW GOOD: Blue Stamps C-2 through X-2 in Book Four worth 10 points each; C-2 through G-2 expire April 28; H-2 through M-2 expire June 2; N-2 through P-2 expire June 30; T-2 through X-2 expire July 31.

SUGAR—NOW GOOD: Sugar Stamp No. 35 in Book Four, good for five pounds, expires June 2. It is expected that the next sugar stamp will be validated May 1.

FUEL OIL

Period Five coupons of 1944-45 issue and Period One, Two, Three, Four and Five coupons of 1944-45 issue valid to Aug. 31. All coupons worth 10 gallons a unit.

GASOLINE—A-15 coupons good for 4 gallons each through June 21. B-6, C-6, B-7 and C-7 coupons good for five gallons each until further notice. Applicants for all gas rations must now present mileage ration records to local boards with application.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in War Book Three good for one pair of shoes each indefinitely.

SOLID FUEL ALLOTMENT DATES

April 15—May 15 Solid fuel users get new Consumer Declaration Form from regular dealers who supplied them with fuel last year. Delivery of anthracite, bituminous coal, coke, and packaged fuels will be limited to 80% of normal requirements. Dealers can deliver no solid fuel to customers until the Consumer Declaration and fuel order have been filed. Consumers must declare how many tons of solid fuel they use during a normal heating season, from April 1 to March 31. Government regulations limit them to 80% of that amount. All consumers who file declarations and orders by May 15 will receive a minimum of 80% of their normal fuel supply by October 1, though they must accept any solid fuel the dealer can deliver. No customer can get more than a maximum 50% of his normal year's supply by September 1. The new allotment program is intended to distribute current production fairly among all solid fuel users.

PFC WILLARD BEAN KILLED IN GERMANY

Pfc Willard Merritt Bean, reported missing last week was killed in action on March 29 in Germany. He entered the service Jan. 20, 1944 and received his training at Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Polk, La., and Camp Charles, Ark. Going overseas last October, he served in the 8th Armored Division of the 9th Army.

Pfc Bean was born in Bethel October 24, 1925, the oldest son of Mrs. Gladys Grover Bean and the late Willard P. Bean of Bethel, and always lived in his native town.

GOULD BALL CLUB OPENS AT BRIDGTON

Coach Ted Emery will take his Gould Academy nine to Bridgton on Tuesday and to Gorham, New Hampshire, on Friday of next week. The squad has been practicing for the past two weeks but as yet an all starting team has not been announced.

Eighteen candidates are still battling for positions. If weather permits a practice game will be played this Saturday which will do much to determine the opening line-up at Bridgton on Tuesday.

The Following are the squad members still working for permanent positions:

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Truman Faced With Momentous Tasks Abroad and at Home as Allied Drives Lead to Victory

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Bearing meager household possessions on heads and in arms, Jap civilians on Okinawa return to lowlands after flight inland before invasion forces.

NEW LEADER:
Historic Task

Dying even as American military leaders saw an early end to the European war, with the intricate problems of peace lying ahead, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt left to successor Harry S. Truman one of the most momentous jobs ever confronting a statesman.

Oddly enough, Mr. Roosevelt himself entered the office 13 years before under highly critical circumstances, with the nation's business and agriculture in stagnation and its finances on the verge of collapse. Still comparatively new to the American people, Mr. Roosevelt won their immediate confidence during the first 100 days of his administration with measures designed to reestablish the tottering economy of the country.

Then, Mr. Roosevelt made perhaps his most famous statement of all: "The only thing we have to fear is fear."

World Problems

Greatest immediate task facing President Truman is the San Francisco peace conference, scheduled to go on despite the death of Mr. Roosevelt, who worked for its successful culmination to achieve his dream of an international cooperative organization to prevent future disastrous wars.

Though the groundwork for the San Francisco parley had been laid at the Dumbarton Oaks conferences, at Washington, D. C., new problems had arisen since to command the full resources of American statesmanship. Over and above the proposal of granting Russia three votes on the permanent security council to match Britain's six, there remained the touchy proposition of allowing representation to a Polish government not dominated by any large power and acceptable to all.

Along with the San Francisco parley for creating an international peace organization, the new President also was confronted with handling the Bretton Woods financial agreements, designed to establish postwar economic stability by supporting the monies of different countries and advancing loans for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of foreign nations to help them become profitably productive.

Rated Conservative

With President Truman considered a conservative Democrat despite his support of New Deal policies, speculation centered on the course he would adopt on domestic policy, long marked by Roosevelt liberalism. Bearing the friendship of both the CIO and AFL, President Truman was expected to maintain a sympathetic attitude toward labor.

With Roosevelt administrations having established such social security policies as unemployment insurance and old age pensions, and with the government pledged to support farm prices for two years after the war, President Truman's great-

est concern would seem to be not the establishment of emergency measures to tide the nation over the reconversion period but rather the development of a program to achieve Mr. Roosevelt's own goal of 60,000,000 jobs.

In recently explaining his political philosophy, President Truman said that, like his native state of Missouri, he was a little bit left of center, but that the cooperative effort of all elements of American life was necessary for the shaping of a prosperous economy.

Though comparatively unknown before assuming direction of the senate war investigating committee, President Truman soon earned the respect of both his colleagues and the country for his forthright and courageous leadership of the group in constructively criticizing the rearmament program with a view of increasing its over-all efficiency.

In this respect, the so-called Truman committee was quick to point out such material shortages as aluminum, rubber, zinc, lead and steel, and also revealed the nature of pressing manpower problems.

Staff Chiefs at Helm

An artillery captain himself at 33 during the last war, President Truman, like Mr. Roosevelt, is expected to leave the conduct of the war largely to the American chiefs of staff, who have already marshalled the country's great striking power for the knockout of both Germany and Japan.

Reeling under the force of U. S. and British power thrusts from the west, and Russian pressure from the east, Germany's days appeared numbered, with Allied military leaders mainly expecting guerrilla warfare after the collapse of integrated Nazi resistance.

In conformity with long-rumored Nazi plans for a last suicidal stand in the Alpine fastnesses of southern Germany, the enemy continued to put up his strongest resistance south of the river Main, where the U. S. 7th army's advance was slowed. Farther to the east, however, the Russians drove beyond Vienna to threaten the Austrian gateway to Adolf Hitler's last mountain stronghold.

PACIFIC:

Tough Nuts

Tough throughout the whole Pacific campaign, the Japs are proving even tougher as the battle approaches their homeland, with their stubborn defense of Iwo Jima more than matched by their resistance on Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands against U. S. marine and army forces.

Experts at making use of the rugged Pacific island terrain, the Japs have set strong gun emplacements in the rolling countryside, with subterranean tunnels allowing their troops free passage from one position to another. In addition, the enemy has surprised U. S. forces with the use of deadly new weapons, with heavy concentrations of artillery on Okinawa helping slow the Yanks' advance.

If they have made good use of the terrain on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, the Japs are making equally good use of it on Luzon in the Philippines, where they are holding out in the rugged fastnesses to the north in the hope of tying up large bodies of U. S. troops through the approaching rainy season when operations will be necessarily slowed.

Hold Your Own

Keep a tight grip on your pocketbook and a sharp eye on your wallet, for purse-snatching and pocket-picking are showing a pronounced popularity among criminals, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The increase in thefts of this character is laid to the tendency of prosperous war-workers to carry large sums of money about with them.

AGRICULTURE:

Hog Support

Having called for greater fall pig production to help relieve the tight meat situation, the government sought to reassure farmers of future returns by announcing a 50 cents increase in the present \$12.50 floor or minimum price for all good and choice hogs up to 270 pounds. At the same time, the War Food administration said that neither support nor ceiling prices would be trimmed before September, 1946.

Though the government's action on floor prices was not expected to affect current operations because of the relatively small supply of hogs in face of the record demand, it was considered reassuring in the prospect of greatly increasing marketing in the winter, when the pressure on prices might be strong.

With private sources estimating that spring pig farrowing was up 12 per cent, the WFA called on farmers to increase the fall crop by 18 per cent. Chiefly because of lower hog production throughout the first part of 1945, total meat output is expected to drop some 10 per cent below last year.

Bumper Crop

Benefiting from excellent weather conditions, the nation's 1945 winter wheat crop is expected to approximate an all-time 862,515,000 bushels, about 37,000,000 bushels over the previous 1931 top, the U. S. department of agriculture reported.

After fall moisture was generally sufficient to get the crop off to a good start, good snowfall provided protection during the winter to hold acreage losses to the lowest level in 25 years. In most sections, the ground was in condition to absorb a large percentage of the moisture from the melted snow and rains, the USDA reported.

With the expected abandonment lowest since 1919, indicated yield of 17.4 bushels would be one bushel above last year. As of April 1, estimated stocks of wheat on farms totalled 239,083,000 bushels, third largest since 1927. Stocks approximated 22 per cent of the 1944 harvest, USDA said.

MINERS:

Another Raise

Maintaining his reputation as one of organized labor's shrewdest and hardest bargainers, bushy-browed John L. Lewis won new wage concessions for his United Mine Workers averaging \$1.07 a day, but the agreement remained subject to government review in the interests of the anti-inflation program.

Expected to run into close scrutiny of the War Labor board, which has heeded to the "Little Steel" formula limiting wage in-



Samuel O'Neil of coal operators (left), chairman Ezra Horn of negotiating committee (center), and John L. Lewis at contract parley.

creases to 15 per cent above the January, 1941, level, the agreement calls for time and a half for inside day workers over seven hours and a rate of \$1.50 for underground travel time, boosts of from \$1.07 to \$1.20 a day for outside employees, loaders and electricians; 4 cents an hour more for workers on the second shift, and 6 cents for those on the third, and \$75 pay instead of vacations.

Having run the gamut of WLB approval, the agreement still was subject to OPA consideration, in view of estimates that the wage concessions would add about 25 cents a ton to the nation's fuel bill, or \$150,000,000 annually.

RECONVERSION:

Make Preparations

With victory in Europe imminent, and with it a partial reconversion from wartime to peacetime output, War Production board took steps to permit industry to obtain new machine tools for manufacture of civilian goods.

Biggest major item on WPB's program was the grant of priorities to the automobile industry for 50 million dollars of machine tools and related equipment for civilian manufacture. To take from three to seven months for making, the orders were played last fall without priority rating, then dumped when early hopes of victory faded and the war went into 1945.

In permitting the placement of orders for machine tools and related equipment for civilian manufacture, the WPB is developing a plan whereby such business would not interfere with the output of vital material needed for prosecution of the war.

DISABLED WORKERS

Physically impaired workers produce as much as, or possibly a little more than, able-bodied workers, and they are dependable, regular in attendance and careful in observance of safety regulations, medical officers report in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Only serious physical defects were considered in selecting impaired workers for the study and the majority have been placed in jobs by matching their defects with the physical demands of the job.

Entire Nation Mourns Death Of Franklin D. Roosevelt; Vast Tasks Face Truman



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT
JANUARY 30, 1882—APRIL 12, 1945.

AS THE guns of America's fighting forces sounded ever closer the doom of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan, Franklin Delano Roosevelt died in Warm Springs, Georgia, where he had been resting for 10 days.

Death resulted from a cerebral hemorrhage at 4:35 p. m. on April 12. Mr. Roosevelt was 63. He had been President for 12 years, one month and nine days. The White House was announced as the site of the funeral, with interment at the family estate at Hyde Park, N. Y.

Less than four months had elapsed since he had taken his historic oath of office for a fourth term. Only a few weeks before he had returned from the Yalta conference where in company with Marshal Stalin of Russia and Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain he had labored to build an enduring peace.

Fate denied Franklin Roosevelt the chance to enjoy the fruits of victory over the Axis. Yet history seemed destined to enshrine him as one of the immortal American Presidents. And every citizen who mourned the untimely passing of the Commander-in-Chief felt that he was a casualty of the war just as surely as every G. I., Marine and Sailor who had fallen in battle.

Never before had an American President died in wartime. Abraham Lincoln fell under Assassin Booth's bullet just five days after the surrender of General Lee's army at Appomattox in 1865. Woodrow Wilson lived to see victory over Germany in World War I, but he fought a losing battle for the League of Nations and died early in 1924, a defeated leader. Many historians believe Lincoln's greatness might have been dimmed in the conflicts over reconstruction that followed the war between the States, just as Wilson's prestige was lost in the conflict over the league that followed World War I. Thus Franklin Roosevelt, dying at the height of his career just as victory was to be achieved over Germany, seemed likely to live in history as a great man.

As the American people from Main Street to Riverside Drive mourned the death of Franklin Roosevelt, their prayers went up for his successor, Harry S. Truman. For on the shoulders of this slight, gray, 60-year-old Missourian had been laid a responsibility such as no American President had ever borne.

What the consequences of the President's death would be to the United States and the world, time alone would tell. But as Americans recovered from their first shock at the news, they quickly determined two things. The war must be prosecuted to as speedy and victorious a finish as possible. Lasting peace must be established.

And so, regardless of party or of past political differences, the people have rallied behind Mr. Truman.

The new President faces the immediate task of directing American participation in the United Nations' blueprints for a permanent world organization. He likewise faces the responsibility of establishing working relations with other members of the Big Three, so that the personal cooperation which existed between Franklin D. Roosevelt, Josef Stalin and Winston Churchill in leading the Allies toward victory

PRECEDENTS OUT:

Throughout his career as President, Franklin D. Roosevelt was known as the "precedent breaker." That title was first conferred in 1932 when he flew out to Chicago from Albany, N. Y., to address the Democratic convention that had nominated him. It continued after his election as a result of his informal methods of transacting business. But it reached a climax in his decision to seek a third term in 1940 and a fourth term in 1944.



HARRY S. TRUMAN
33rd PRESIDENT OF U. S.

may be maintained in helping win the peace. He faces the long-range job of guiding the nation to postwar economic prosperity once Nazi Germany and Japan are finally defeated.

Known as a plain, modest man who has not dramatized himself personally, President Truman nevertheless has demonstrated on many occasions that he can be a leader of force and determination. His work as chairman of the Truman committee in the U. S. senate investigating the conduct of the war is cited as an example of this. And his conduct of the Vice Presidency has shown that he can work successfully with political leaders of both parties in getting needed measures passed and in reconciling opposing points of view.

The 33rd President was born in Lamar, Mo., May 8, 1884, although the home of the family for four generations had been on a farm near Independence, Mo.

Served in World War I. When World War I broke out, Truman became captain of Battery D in the field artillery of the 35th Division and saw action at St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Back in Independence, Truman and a war buddy opened a haberdashery business. He married his boyhood sweetheart, Bess Wallace, and they have one daughter, Mary Margaret.

Truman later turned to politics for a career, which started with his election as County Judge of Jackson county, Mo. In 1926 he became the presiding judge of Jackson county, with the endorsement of Tom Pendergast, political boss of Kansas City. He studied law at night and supervised the construction of a great highway system.

President's Life Was Characterized By Vigorous Action

Unlike the "log-cabin" presidents, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was not born into poverty. When Franklin arrived at Hyde Park, N. Y., on January 30, 1882, he came into a family that had possessed wealth for many generations. The Roosevelts had been thrifty land-owners in the Hudson valley since the first of the family came over from Holland. On his mother's side also there was a substantial fortune. Among his ancestors were many men who had served the state in various capacities.

Young Franklin attended the very fashionable Groton school, where he prepared for Harvard university. After completing the liberal arts course he entered Columbia U. law school, from which he was graduated in 1907. Two years earlier, however, he married his distant cousin, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt. Eleanor was a niece of Theodore Roosevelt, at that time in the White House.

After two years of legal practice, Franklin entered politics, running on the Democratic ticket for the New York state senate. He unexpectedly defeated a strong Republican candidate. From the beginning of his career he identified himself with reform movements, opposing the powerful Tammany organization in the statehouse. He was re-elected in 1912, by which time he had become a leader of the anti-Tammany faction.

Woodrow Wilson appointed Roosevelt assistant secretary of the navy. When World War I broke out Roosevelt proved himself an efficient administrator, handling billions of dollars' worth of contracts for ships and supplies. He served in this post throughout the war.

Ran for Vice President.

In 1920 the Democratic national convention chose him as running mate for James Cox. While campaigning for the vice presidency Roosevelt made many acquaintances valuable in later political life. Cox being defeated, F.D.R. returned to legal practice.

The following year the great tragedy of his life struck him—infantile paralysis. The big, strong young man became a bedridden invalid. For months he lay without ambition, almost without hope. Slowly his powerful will took command, however, and by persistence he partially regained the use of his muscles. It was during his convalescence at Warm Springs, Ga., that he determined to do what he could to eradicate the scourge that had almost ruined him. The "March of Dimes" campaign was the result.

At the Democratic conventions of 1924 and 1928, he aligned himself with the group supporting Alfred E. Smith, New York's governor. When Smith was nominated in 1928, Roosevelt ran for governor of his state and was elected. At the end of his two-year term he was again elected, this time by the greatest majority ever given to a New York governor.

As governor he continued the reform and improvement policies of his predecessor Smith. His achievements attracted nationwide attention. As the depression that began late in 1929 deepened, his efforts to control the mounting business failures, unemployment and distress in his state revealed his abilities as a vigorous leader in grave times.

Swept in as President. When the national convention met in Chicago in 1932 Roosevelt was quickly chosen. He was swept into office by a plurality of seven million votes, carrying 42 states. Both houses went Democratic.

Before he could take office a wave of bank failures threatened the whole economic structure. The famous "bank moratorium" order, one of Roosevelt's first official acts, closed all banks until they could be reorganized on a sounder basis, thus preventing disastrous runs. In the spring of 1932 came the repeal of the 18th, or prohibition amendment. Then came the National Industrial Recovery Act, or "NIRA," under which extensive emergency powers were granted to the President. A series of public works were authorized to combat unemployment, together with huge appropriations for direct relief.

The numerous executive and legislative acts of this first term were approved in general as necessary in the face of widespread suffering. A phrase from one of the President's speeches, "a new deal," developed into a title for the whole Roosevelt program.

In 1936 the convention in Philadelphia nominated Roosevelt by acclamation on the first ballot. He carried 46 states in the elections. This second term majority was so overwhelming that many New Dealers began to call it a "mandate from the people." During this second term a great number of measures were passed to increase the economic security of the individual, particularly the workers, farmers and small businessmen.

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USELESS COWBOY

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THE STORY THUS FAR. Melody Jones and George Fury rode into Payneville on a route to California. While there Melody was mistaken for the wanted outlaw, Monte Jarrad, and Fury for his half-wit uncle, Roscoe. Cherry, a girl friend of Monte's, rushed them out of town to the farm, where they met her brother Avery. Informed that a posse was after them, Melody and Fury left for the border. Avery and Cherry went to Monte's hide-away in the barn and explained about Melody. In the meantime Melody and Fury returned. They hid in the attic of the house and later heard Avery and Cherry discuss them. They were soon discovered and brought down.

CHAPTER VII

Out by the kitchen door the bear cub had uttered a little explosive snarl, almost like a bark; and it was growling through its nose now, in a high trill, very shrilly. Melody swung his feet to the floor, took a long step to the lamp, and blew it out. As he sat down again on the edge of the bed there was a moment of complete stillness, so that they could hear each other breathing in the dark.

Then he heard her come close to him and drop to one knee, so that they could speak even more softly than before. Her hands found his arm.

"Why did you do that?"

"That bear seen something," Melody told her.

"I thought he did," she said, at the limit of exasperation. "He's always seeing something. There's coyotes all around here."

"It was something else," Melody said vaguely.

They were quiet again, and he could almost hear her thinking.

"What was it you wanted me to do for you?" he asked her.

"It's changed," she said. Her breathing had altered, so that he knew some new angle had come up to frighten her. "I'll tell you about it. I'll tell you the whole thing. But I have to show you something first. I can't show you until morning. So you'll have to stay right here until daylight."

"What?"

"You can sleep right where you are. That's what you want, isn't it? It is, isn't it?"

"I don't believe this," Melody said.

"I'll make out all right some-where else," she said shortly. "Will you do it? Will you do what I ask, and stay put for something new?"

The moon was well up now, and very bright. Its gunmetal half-light, color blind to all red or yellow tones, was so clear in that dry desert air that he could have read an obituary notice by it; but the shadows were as black as if they were painted out with soot. Keeping to the band of darkness close to the house wall, Melody Jones moved around the corner of the house to the back, where the bear cub was chained.

The bear cub growled at him once, and then accepted him, perhaps because he had come from within. While it snuffled at the wool sock in which he stood, Melody sifted the night with his eyes.

Where he now stood he faced the barn and the broken up-country. He combed the foreground first, then the distant contours; and he had time to estimate this country into which he had ridden by mistake, sensing its shape.

The bear cub stopped snuffling, and began to worry at Melody's sock. Melody moved out of reach and sat down. The cub followed to the end of its chain, then sat down beside him with its hind feet in its paws, and looked at the country like Melody. It both looked and acted like a very little potbellied dwarf of a man, so much as Melody could see.

Melody first knew something was wrong again because the bear cub was so still. Leaning half upon pure instinct, Melody centered the whole soul of his attention upon the shadow of a rock, half way up a hill behind a steep corral.

Not because he was brave, not even because he was curious, but because it seemed to be the next thing to do, Melody Jones relaxed his hands and stepped into the moonlight. He knew he could be killed from almost any place, within reasonable gunshot; but nothing happened. After a moment or two of standing there, Melody walked forward, silent in his sock feet, toward the door of the barn.

Melody Jones' vague bewilderment was a wild and casual thing compared to Monte Jarrad's total astonishment. Monte had not seen Melody moving in the black shadow of the house. He had not even seen him when Melody silently crossed the thirty yards of open moonlight between house and barn. In those moments Monte had been standing braced between the bales, and he was holding his eyes shut while he waited for a certain amount of thunder and lightning to stop playing around in his wounded side. He was mending very fast, much faster than he could have hoped, but the first exercise in three days was something he had to pay for.

Then he thought he heard breathing, where no breathing should have been, and he opened his eyes to see Melody Jones silhouette in the moonlit door, easily within reach of Monte's hand.

Monte Jarrad had no notion of who Melody was; he had never seen him in his life. He failed to match up this unaccounted visitor with the tramp rider who had been mistaken for Monte himself in Payneville. Beyond the fact that the figure was that of a stranger, and had appeared with amazing stealth, identity made no difference. The country was full of people hunting for Monte Jarrad.

Melody Jones finished scratching his head and wandered off a little way through the tangle of impedimenta in the barn.

As soon as his back was turned Monte drew his gun. Melody seemed to hear the faint whisper of the leather. He turned back, looked about him suspiciously; and then walked straight toward Monte. The man between the bales could not believe that he was unseen, the thin stripes of moonlight made the figure of Melody Jones so plain. Monte's six-gun centered on Melody's belt buckle, and the hammer moved back silently, just short of the click.

Monte Jarrad's first astonishment had passed off, and he knew now what he had to do. He still did not dare to fire. He believed now that his one best bet was to brain the stranger with his gun barrel, as quietly as was practicable, and hide him under the hay.

Melody Jones unhurriedly stood up. Casually he hitched up his belt as he strolled to the moonlit door. Monte subsided into the shadows as Melody took one more leisurely look at the hay rack, the wagon wheels, and the dark space where Monte stood. Then Melody left the barn, and moved without haste toward the house.

Changing his position, Monte watched Melody as he walked past the door of the Longeye house, and proceeded without any particular caution along the house wall. He saw Melody come to the window which Monte knew belonged to Cherry's room. Nonchalantly, as mat-

ter-of-factly as if he were vaulting onto a horse, Melody put his hands on the window ledge, and swung a leg over the sill. Still unhurriedly, he disappeared within. Monte's breath sucked in through his teeth.

George Fury was riding in, relaxing caution as he came close. His carbine was in his hands, but he was now in the act of putting it away in his saddle boot. This nonchalance puzzled Cherry until a moment later when she saw, with a keen chagrin, the reason for George Fury's assurance. Melody Jones was up already, and sitting on the kitchen steps in full view. He plainly had been up for some time, for he had had time to find and catch the horse he called Harry Henshaw. The pony was saddled and packed with Melody's bedroll, and was now finishing a heavy bait of oats laid out on a gunny sack at the edge of the rickety gallery.

Cherry lay back soundlessly, more than willing to hear what Melody and George Fury had to say to each other when they thought they were alone.

George Fury looked Melody over ironically, which was mostly wasted in the bad light. Then he stepped down, dropping his split reins to the ground and loosened his cinches with elaborate deliberation before turning upon his partner.

"I went and looked for you by the crick where I left you," Melody said, "and I found Harry Henshaw where you tied him. But you was gone."

George eased himself stiffly to the step beside Melody. "Expect me to see there all night?" he grunted.

Melody looked at him gravely. "George," he said, "I've rode with you a fair piece, and I swear a feller don't live that can say you would or you wouldn't."

George's customary snort came out only as a long sigh; he needed

his coffee. "I been down to Payneville."

"I brung you a message," George began digging in his various pockets. "I got it somewhere here."

"Message? I don't know anybody in Payneville."

"You know one feller at least—the feller you hit. This here's from 'im." He handed Melody a balled-up wad of wrapping paper. "You better read it—if you still can read."

The note George Fury had brought from Payneville didn't have much in it either. It simply said:

You better come down here and talk. And quick.

"Taint signed."

"Name's Ira Waggoner. He was the stage driver on the coach Monte Jarrad held up, on the Sinkwater road. 'Give this to Monte Jarrad,' he says. He still thinks you're Monte Jarrad."

"I finally found a man a feller could talk to down there," George Fury went on. "The town is just as crazy as it was; their minds is et out by drinking water from the Poisonberry River, I figger now. But this feller was a bullwhacker, just passin' through, and he hadn't drunk any water, so he was all right."

"Is he the one that gave you the black eye?"

"That come later. . . . This feller told me a pile of stuff about this Monte Jarrad you're supposed to be. Everybody in the whoop-hurrah country knows more about him than you do. I don't know how it is, but somehow you are the one blink that don't never seem to get the word."

"Heck, George," Melody seemed depressed. "I don't know why you talk thataway. A feller would think I done something."

Melody studied the note from Ira Waggoner again. "Cherry," he said, without raising his voice, "come out here a minute."

There was a moment's silence, and Cherry sounded chastened, as she answered him. "All right, Melody."

Cherry looked pale, and showed blue circles under her eyes. Her hands were trying to unrumple her hair, which still looked lighter than her face. There was no exchange of greetings. Melody handed her the note George had brought.

"You know something about this?" he asked.

Cherry studied the message for a long time. "This isn't for you," she said at last. She looked humorless and scared.

"Is that what you wanted me to do," Melody asked, "go down there and straighten this feller out?"

"No!" Cherry's nervous balance was breaking up. "That's the one thing you must not do!"

"Well," Melody said slowly, "if you don't want me to go down there, I suppose we could have him come out here."

"You mustn't talk to Ira Waggoner at all!" Cherry insisted, on the verge of hysteria. "Not now or any other time, no matter where you run into him next!"

"What for not, Cherry? He know something?"

Cherry looked as if she were going to burst into tears, but she pulled herself together. "I didn't say that."

"All you said was," Melody admitted, "you was going to show me something you wanted me to do."

Cherry snuffed back the threatening tears and made her voice quick. "I'm going to. Hook up the buckboard for me—you know the team I use. I'll get you some breakfast while you hitch. And I'll take you to where—where we have to go."

"All right, Cherry," he went to get his lariot off of Harry Henshaw.

"Melody," George said when Cherry had gone into the house, "you going off some place with that girl?"

"Ain't you comin', George?"

George seemed weary and old. "Melody, I ain't."

When they had got the buckboard down the axle-cracking trail to the valley floor, with Harry Henshaw on lead behind it, they drove about four miles along the twisting Poisonberry River. Then Cherry de Longpre turned the team out of the ruins, into the unbroken sage. They presently came out into an open space in which lay the charred, weathered ruins of a ranch. Cherry pulled up, and sat listening.

She asked nervously, "Did you hear a horse whinny?"

"No," Melody said, "because there wasn't any one so. If they had, this team would have known it, whether we heard it or not. What's the matter? You expecting to meet somebody?"

"No—of course not."

"Then why did you bring that six-gun?"

Cherry looked startled. "I see you put it under the seat," Melody explained.

"I brought it," Cherry said slowly, "because you're in bad trouble. If you had to fight, I meant to help you."

"Honest? You did? You mean you know how to fight a gun, same as a man?"

"I know how to fix 'em," Cherry said sheepishly. "Because I clean 'em for Fever Crick and Avery all the time. But I don't like guns very well. I've only fired one off about two or three times."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

ARTHUR LANDAU (a little guy with big ideas, who once managed Marie Dressler and Jean Harlow) punctures one of our pet notions. He says the outworn idea that movies suffer from a dearth of story material suited to the screen is ridiculous and preposterous.

That's going to bring a hail of sharp cracks about Arthur's ears, because he's stepping on tender toes. "I know I'm sticking my neck out," he insists. "But there it is. I've proved my contention by too many personal experiences not to know what I'm talking about."

The pulling and hauling that goes on behind scenes when there's a hot property going around is something that the outsider wouldn't believe. Let's let Arthur take us behind the scenes for a bit of case history. He is, incidentally, chief production associate for Bea Bogues, and had a finger in three Bogues ventures—'Dark Waters,' 'Captain Kidd,' and 'Thea Goes Lona Henry.'

Few, even insiders, know that it was Landau who channeled 'Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo,' one of the great stories of this war, to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Has the Know-How

He was put in contact with Cap-lane (now Major) Ted Lawson by a well-known Hollywood insider who, being a former fier himself, has lots of buddies among airmen.

Landau perceived immediately that Lawson had something in the story of the Shangkai fliers and their bombing of Tokyo.

Paramount had first crack at it. Y. Frank Freeman was busy and told Arthur to send the idea through Bill Dozier, story editor. Arthur said "Nothing doing!" and went to see Eddie Mannix at Metro. That's how Paramount lost out.

Lawson offered Landau a contract. "You're an army officer," said Arthur. "If your word isn't any good, your signature isn't, either." Lawson said, "How much can you get me?" Landau said he didn't know—maybe \$5, maybe \$10,000, maybe nothing.

High Finance

Metro held the script overnight, sent for Landau, and offered him \$100,000 for it. Arthur said the author was holding out for \$150,000. They compromised for \$125,000.

Landau was chinning with Eddie Cantor in Eddie's library one evening and happened to thumb through a volume of stories by Oscar Wilde. One he liked. He bought a copy of the volume and had a transcript made of the story. Harry Rapt met him at Metro and said he was looking for a yarn. Landau strung him along with an enthusiastic buildup and meanwhile ascertained that the American rights were in the public domain. Rapt snapped up the property.

Hunches Pay Off

The story was "The Canterville Ghost," which was made into a picture for Charles Laughton. Metro gladly settled with the British heirs to the Wilde estate. Landau plucked 30 grand out of thin air and a hunch. Here's a fine tip right out of the Landau feed box.

He caught a newspaper story recently about W. H. Donald, the mysterious Australian who has been Chiang Kai-shek's personal adviser for many years. Donald was held captive in Manila by the Japs, who were looking everywhere for him at the time, not knowing they had him right under their thumbs.

"There's another Lawrence of Arabia story in Captain Donald for anyone who can get him to talk," says Landau. "That's where you find the germs of good stories—right on the front pages of your newspapers."

Surface Barely Scratched

"I'll venture," says Arthur, "that there are more good stories in the public domain than Hollywood has ever made. Not every Tom, Dick, or Harry can take these masterpieces and translate them to the screen, successfully. Take Conrad, for example. Every effort to transfer his sea stories to the screen has flopped. So we accept the lazy man's explanation and agree that Conrad makes fine reading but can't be screened. Posh! He'll be screened one day by someone who'll know how."

"Right here in our own company we bought 'There Goes Lona Henry' from RKO, which owned it for years. No one wanted to play in it. We had a new script written, and I gave you my word some of the most sought after feminine stars in town have expressed an eagerness to do it."

Kaye's Kind of Fantasy

Sam Goldwyn has bought James Thurber's "Secret Life of Walter Mitty" for Danny Kaye. Sure it's fantasy—just for Kaye. It all starts when a girl looks at a hat. Danny looks at the girl and sees a desert island. . . . Greer Garson tells it herself. She calls herself "Metro's golden mare." . . . Col. Tim McCoy, western star—remember him?—is well into his second war at the present. He's now in Germany and was awarded the bronze star the other day.

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THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I just been reading about cotton—and how we been messin' with it—and how, instead of every-thing becoming sweet and rosy, it has drifted into vice versa. The paper says that the folks bene-fitted by the dinero dished out by the Govt. to help cotton, are the planters in Brazil—not the U S A planters.

Everything we do is via program. Planned. To stabilize cotton we loaned the U S A price and by do-ing so we made it possible for Brazil to compete with us. It proceeded to do so and has now captured customers that used to be ours.

And now, to riddle and fudge the soup some more, our Exp-erts are talking about a new 4 cent per pound subsidy so as to get back some of the foreign cus-tomers lost to Brazil by previous "fixing." Round and round she goes.

And now Brazil is scratching its come, wondering what we been meaning by our "good neighbor" palaver. But if Brazil is wonder-ing how about its simple folks here at home who foot the bills as we see our breezy Ambassadors run far and wide—and dine in many climes—and we run low on many points.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent

The Woodstock Farm Bureau will meet Thursday, April 26th at the Grange Hall. The meeting will start at 10:30 A. M. and the subject "Homemade Mixes" will be pre-sented by the Foods leader, Mrs. Annie Morgan. Dinner will be served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bean were host and hostess at a surprise birthday party for his mother Mrs. Lucy Bean, on Friday evening, April 6th. The guests included re-latives of Mrs. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Plover, Mrs. Clifton Bean, Mrs. Charles Crockett and Shirley, Robert Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott, Walter Gordon and Miss Charlotte Lounds.

The evening was spent informally and the honor guest received many lovely gifts. Refreshments were served, including a birthday cake with eighty lighted candles made by Mrs. Chester Bean.

Mrs. Inez Allen, who has spent the winter with Rev and Mrs. F. S. Keechewer and daughter, Helen, returned to her home in Sedgwick, Monday.

Miss Alice Chute, Orissa Wolcott and Clara Whitman and Mrs. Inez Whitman attended services at the Locke Mills Church, April 8th. Rev Robert Foster of Gorham, N. H. preached the afternoon sermon from the "Fable: Has Life a Pur-pose?" The Misses Alice Chute and Orissa Wolcott sang the duet "We'll say Goodnight Here, but Good Morning Up There," on re-quest.

The Bryant Pond Garden Club met at the Town Hall, April 12, and a delicious luncheon was served at 12:30 to thirty members by the committee—Mrs. Cleo Billings, Mrs. Ruth Tyler, Mrs. Evelyn Bean and Mrs. Sadie Lakeway.

Preceding the luncheon, tables set with service for two, were judged for beauty of arrangement. Mrs. Esther Dunlap receiving first place Mrs. Evelyn Bean, second and Mrs. Viola Meserve, third.

After the business meeting a Roll Call was responded to with "Signs of Spring." An article on the Bos-ton Flower Show was read by Mrs. Anne Jordan.

D of V Notes

Judith Grover Tent No 17 met Tuesday evening, April 10th at the home of Mrs. Inez Whitman. There were thirteen members present. Plans for Memorial Day exercises were discussed. Refreshment com-mittee, Beatrice Farnum and Ruth Dunham.

Easter

Alice Wardwell
Morn Before Easter
Thorns and Lilies
Meaning of Appomattox Day
Clara Whitman

The next meeting will be April 24 and will be held at the Juvenile Grange room.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

The Farm Bureau meeting on "Minute Savers" was held at Mrs. Susie Capen's, with Mrs. Virginia Brown, H. D. A. in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. Cristie Bennett of Norway and Mrs. Joseph Baker called on Mrs. Augustus Carter Sunday.

Timmie and Tommie Carter en-tertained at a birthday party Sun-day afternoon, given them by their mother, Mrs. Richard Carter. The boys received many nice gifts. Re-freshments of birthday cake and ice cream were served. Those pres-ent were Marguerite Cotton, Joan Vard, David Buck, Teddy Carter, Mrs. Carter, Buddy Conner, John Gunther, Fuzzy Gunther, Howard Gunther, Ruth Ann Stevens.

Mrs. Harold Bartlett was in Rum-ford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Buck and Mrs. Leona Buck recently.

Marguerite Cotton of Mechanic Falls is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Richard Carter.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. John Howe accompanied Miss Caroline Olson to Boston Wednesday to have the doctor check up on the condition of her hip, which was badly torn by a fall, several months ago. They were guests of Mrs. O. W. Fales and family in Dorchester until Sunday. Mrs. Ida Blake went to South Portland Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Carl Hutchinson. Sunday guests of Mrs. S. B. New-ton were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Akers and family of Andover.

Mrs. Carl H. Swan Jr. came home from Rumford Hospital Monday, leaving the baby at the hospital for several days more.

Mrs. Wayne Moore and Mrs. Wen-dell Edmunds of South Paris and Norway were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harrington.

GROVER HILL

Last week we sweltered at 93 in the shade. This week we shiver. What a joke April's played.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Whitman are their son, Arthur, Jr., of the U S Coast Guard and his wife and older son Tommie from Portsmouth.

Mrs. Sophie J. Conner recently visited her daughter, Mrs. Walter Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rogers of South Waterford were Sunday guests of the Whitmans.

Harry Lyon has been cutting wood at his farm here.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Mann of Mexico were recently entertained at N. A. Stearns'.

Malcolm Mundt and family of Westbrook arrived Tuesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mundt.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

Instead of the light hearted party planned in the happiness of having her dad home after 3 1/2 years in the Navy, there was a shad-dow of the sudden passing of our beloved President Roosevelt so Miss Cathryn Cummings, sixteenth birthday was very quietly observed at a dinner at her home Friday.

April 13. Besides her parents, the guests were Ex-Ser. J. Cummings, Miss Doris Hazelton and Lloyd Waterhouse. Her Daddy's gift was a War Bond.

Services in recognition of the death of President Roosevelt were held as nationally requested at the Universalist Church Sunday morn-ing. The choir sang his favorite hymns and the scripture and ser-mon by the pastor was appropri-ate.

E. J. Mann returned Sunday morning from a 10 days fishing trip in New Brunswick.

LOCKE MILLS

Adelaide W. Lister, Correspondent

Mrs. Grace Ryerson has returned to her home here, and has as her guest her brother, Pvt. Albert Pos-tor.

Mrs. Hannah J. Coolidge has re-turned from Norway, and will be several weeks for the summer. The State Guard called off the dance which was to be held last Saturday, in respect to the mem-ory of our late President.

Mrs. Harry M. Swift is visiting friends in Massachusetts for the week.

Rodney Cross, who has been ill for some time, is improving slowly.

Charles B. Mason Jr., who has been at the C. M. G. Hospital for several weeks for treatment of a broken leg, has been at home for the past two weeks, and is making good progress on his crutches.

Mrs. Ida S. Rowe reports that on Friday, the 13th, she dug enough dandelion greens for supper. Can anyone "top" this?

Mrs. Helena Bartlett injured one of her fingers at the mill Monday. Paul Bartlett is ill at the home of his grandparents with the pre-vailing cold.

Mrs. Erlon Paine (Mary Dorion) had reached the State of Texas when last heard from, on her way to join her husband at Long Beach California.

Mrs. Bessie Martin was at home over the week end.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Lester Cole transplanted three trees on the Kenyon lot Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Robinson and family of Norway called at D. R. Cole's recently.

Mrs. Glenn Martin has gone to Portland to visit her sister, Mrs. Fred Caskey for a week. Her five children are with their grandpar-ents, Mr. and Mrs. Colby King on Rowe Hill one day last week.

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Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

Will McAllister Jr. has been working several days for Ray Lap-ham.

Rev. W. I. Bull conducted the Church service Sunday afternoon with 18 in attendance including the girls' choir.

Miss Ruth Hutchinson of West Bethel spent the week end at Clyde Hall's.

The Crooked River Victory 4-H Club held an all day meeting Sat-urday at the Town House. For dinner the cooking and housekeep-ing girls served mashed potatoes, bacon and eggs, pickles, corn, home made bread and butter and choc-o-late and butterscotch puddings. The business meeting was held in the afternoon with the leader, Thir-teen members and one visitor pre-sent. Another all day meeting will be held April 28th and the parents and friends are invited to attend the demonstration program in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Andrews of Bethel and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lit-tlefield and daughters and "Food" Gany of North Waterford were at Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Andrews' Sunday.

Sunday visitors at Ray Andrews were Mrs. Edith Perry and child-ven and Merline Littlefield of North Waterford, Muriel and Ma-rion Lapham, Leona Keniston and Albert McAllister.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews were in South Waterford recently, to see Merritt Kimball, who is home on a furlough.

The Hilda Ives Class held an all day meeting at Mrs. Spring's Sa-turday April 7. It was decided to hold meetings the first Wednesday of each month during the summer and to commence work on ar-ticles for the sale.

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SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wardwell were guests of Hugh Stearns and fam-ily Sunday.

Edith and Lilla Stearns called on Hazel Wardwell Saturday evening.

George Wentworth has planted some peas.

John Spinney is cutting wood for Harry Spring.

Bernard and Lester Allen called at Hugh Stearns Sunday.

Arthur Kimball has been drag-ging the roads in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meserve ex-pect to get moved to their new home at Hunt's Corner this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews and Nancy Andrews visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wardwell Friday after-noon and evening.

Viola Kimball cared for little Gene Kimball Saturday while his mother, Mrs. Ivan Kimball attended her grandmother's funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wardwell and Roy Wardwell called at Pres-

ton Flint's Saturday afternoon.

Joseph Pechnik was in South South Paris on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wentworth recently spent the day in Lewiston.

Fred Wentworth has turned his young cattle away to pasture.

Hugh Stearns has begun plow-ing.

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U. S. BRANCH OF THE ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

55 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Stocks and Bonds	\$7,127,530.85
Cash in Office and Bank	882,543.45
Agents' Balances	842,885.52
Interest and Rents	31,281.01
All Other Assets	97,634.59

Gross Assets	\$8,961,875.42
Deduct Items Not Admitted	296,250.47

Admitted	\$8,665,624.95
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$964,396.00
Unearned Premiums	4,035,886.13
All other Liabilities	447,824.86
Statutory Deposit	500,000.00
Surplus Over All Liabilities	2,717,517.96

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$8,665,624.95
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THE HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE CO.

New York

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Stocks and Bonds	\$20,799,532.64
Cash in Office and Bank	1,734,370.32
Agents' Balances	1,173,545.00
Bills Receivable	43,180.35
Interest and Rents	39,433.33
All other Assets	791,447.98

Gross Assets	\$24,581,509.62
Deduct items not admitted	140,250.58

Admitted	\$24,441,259.04
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$2,676,945.00
Unearned Premiums	7,970,352.50
All other Liabilities	2,757,368.71
Cash Capital	4,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	7,036,592.53

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$24,441,259.04
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HOME FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Stocks and Bonds	\$7,978,056.06
Agents' Balances	597,092.59
Cash in Office and Bank	2,038,212.79
Bills Receivable	1,431.18
Interest and Rents	29,812.48
All other Assets	962,771.33

Gross Assets	\$11,607,376.43
Deduct items not admitted	45,110.98

Admitted	\$11,562,265.45
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,733,586.21
Unearned Premiums	3,888,397.21
All other Liabilities	483,088.21
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	4,457,193.82

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$11,562,265.45
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FIRE ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Real Estate	\$2,676,211.73
Mortgage Loans	342,829.41
Stocks and Bonds	21,837,412.16
Cash in Office and Bank	2,320,127.25
Agents' Balances	1,611,676.60
Interest and Rents	46,086.51
All other Assets	2,126,382.16

Gross Assets	\$30,960,725.82
Deduct items not admitted	1,773,990.27

Admitted	\$29,186,735.55
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$2,861,356.00
Unearned Premiums	10,756,396.31
All other Liabilities	1,882,079.46
Cash Capital	2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	11,686,903.78

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$29,186,735.55
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Providence, R. I.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Mortgage Loans	\$25,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	7,295,547.00
Cash in Office and Bank	1,051,089.25
Agents' Balances	335,083.52
Bills Receivable	3,972.06
Interest and Rents	23,364.96
All other Assets	46,785.15

Gross Assets	\$8,780,841.92
Deduct items not admitted	35,119.17

Admitted Assets	\$8,745,722.75
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$478,875.63
Unearned Premiums	1,436,721.94
All other Liabilities	94,879.96
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	5,735,245.22

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$8,745,722.75
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FITCHBURG MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Fitchburg, Massachusetts

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Real Estate	\$72,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	322,757.00
Agents' Balances	51,068.14
Cash in Office and Bank	254,693.59
Interest and Rents	3,607.13
All other Assets	4,737.85

Gross Assets	\$708,863.71
Deduct items not admitted	68.94

Admitted	\$708,794.77
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	32,261.13
Unearned Premiums	406,079.14
All other Liabilities	12,773.36
Surplus over all Liabilities	257,680.94

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$708,794.77
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ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE LONDON, ENGLAND

United States Branch

111 John Street New York, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Stocks and Bonds	\$6,443,905.98
Cash in Office and Bank	483,518.27
Agents' Balances	826,480.87
Interest and Rents	24,331.68
All other Assets	98,404.36

Gross Assets	\$7,876,641.16
Deduct items not admitted	180,214.58

Admitted	\$7,696,426.58
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,665,249.89
Unearned Premiums	3,079,439.07
All other Liabilities	396,853.07
Statutory Deposit	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	2,054,884.55

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$7,696,426.53
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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Mortgage Loans	\$4,450.00
Stocks and Bonds	26,042,632.23
Cash in Office and Bank	1,646,889.17
Agents' Balances	1,416,801.73
Bills Receivable	25,238.53
Interest and Rents	105,717.51
All other Assets	200,934.98

Gross Assets	\$29,442,670.20
Deduct items not admitted	73,128.33

Admitted	\$29,369,541.87
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$3,100,068.53
Unearned Premiums	10,309,410.96
All other Liabilities	1,857,437.39
Cash Capital	5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	8,902,624.59

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$29,369,541.87
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On the basis of Dec. 31, 1944 market quotations for all bonds and stocks owned this company's total admitted assets would be increased to \$30,251,792.70 and surplus to \$9,784,875.42.

U. S. BRANCH PHOENIX ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD

55 Fifth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Real Estate	\$228,578.90
Mortgage Loans	6,000.00
Agents' Balances	\$22,960.79
Cash in Office and Bank	799,761.69
Stocks and Bonds	6,784,090.59
Bills Receivable	3,409.45
Interest and Rents	56,835.92
All other Assets	31,337.30

Gross Assets	\$8,732,974.85
Deduct items not admitted	202,447.38

Admitted	\$8,530,527.47
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$824,997.00
Unearned Premiums	4,834,721.72
All other Liabilities	350,281.14
Statutory Deposit	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	2,212,527.51

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$8,530,527.47
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THE UNITED STATES BRANCH of THE LONDON ASSURANCE

99 John Street, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Mortgage Loans	\$8,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	9,577,897.06
Cash in Office and Bank	1,313,449.54
Agents' Balances	619,180.16
Bills Receivable	23,691.22
Interest and Rents	31,098.35
All other Assets	106,695.44

Gross Assets	\$11,680,011.77
Deduct items not admitted	94,929.79

Admitted	\$11,585,081.98
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,724,352.70
Unearned Premiums	3,495,368.40
All other Liabilities	849,897.70
Cash Capital	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	5,015,463.18

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$11,585,081.98
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WESTCHESTER FIRE INS. CO.

110 William St., New York, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Mortgage Loans	\$233,829.75
Stocks and Bonds	16,590,861.25
Cash in Office and Bank	6,987,656.43
Agents' Balances	1,808,350.31
Bills Receivable	232,819.03
Interest and Rents	39,875.89
All other Assets	251,194.56

Gross Assets	\$26,144,587.27
Deduct items not admitted	181,604.15

Admitted	\$25,962,983.12
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses	\$4,357,756.00
Unearned Premiums	7,504,366.60
All other Liabilities	1,923,921.20
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	11,176,939.32

Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$25,962,983.12
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On the basis of December 31, 1944 market quotations for all bonds and stocks owned, the total admitted assets and surplus would be increased by \$545,704.44.

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Kathleen Norris Says:

Some Women Are Like Oysters

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"This man wants a wife, not a dainty, timorous, mollusk of a woman who will expect him to dine off milk toast in an invalid's bedroom, smoke in the back yard and enjoy the companionship of a few gossiping old ladies."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

TOO many women are like oysters. When the oyster is young he is free and independent; he swims about in the ocean in a glory of independence. But as he gets older his shell gradually forms and hardens upon him, and finally he is trapped in it and can only cling a great deal and drift a little.

Perhaps you are one of the women who have grown shells and are imprisoned in them? Perhaps it is you, yourself, who have shut away all changes and adventures, and closed yourself into a narrow groove from which there is no escape.

It sounds to me as if Gertrude Day, who writes me from Buffalo, is one of these "oyster" women. Gertrude is 29, pretty, clever, successful as a big man's secretary, devoted to an invalid mother. Gertrude and her mother live in a pretty white cottage with a garden, just out of town.

Engaged Seven Years. For seven years Gertrude has been engaged to be married. This seems to me a record for America; in Europe and in England girls think nothing of a five or six-year engagement, and in Sweden I met a sweet serene woman who was engaged to an engineer who had been 11 years in Argentina. But these are not American ways, and hence Gertrude Day's letter indicates to me that she is fast on the way to becoming an oyster.

"Frederick was a school-teacher when first we were engaged, and as I had full responsibility for Mamma, who is bedridden, and his salary was small, we could not think of marriage then. He taught in a school 40 miles away, so that we only saw each other for weekends twice a month. After some years he decided to study law, which took much of his time; passed his bar examination just before the war and immediately went into officer's training camp. He now has a captaincy and is temporarily stationed here after 15 months overseas, and his desire is to be married at once.

"Now, please don't think me a terrible old maid," the letter goes on, "but I just can't bear the idea of any change—I never could. I love Frederick, I know I do, but the thought of a man in this little white house of ours is staggering. Mamma and I have grown used to certain ways; breakfast late on Sunday, no cards or liquor in the house, certain radio programs every week, just a few dear old friends, mostly Mamma's, things in their right places, reading aloud. Also we have very light suppers, milk toast or waffles or a salad, which I serve on two trays in Mamma's room.

"We would have to live here, as Mamma naturally dreads the thought of moving, and—well, Fred



"Gossiping old ladies..."

Pork Fat for Shortening

Fresh-pork drippings can be used to season vegetables and to make gravy. If clarified, you can use this fat for baking in place of lard. Sausage, ham, and bacon fats are especially good for frying and warming foods, because of their excellent flavor. Put ham fat in dry-bean soup or bean dishes; the two flavors blend well. Use mild bacon fat, that has not been permitted to smoke, in muffins, cornbreads, cakes, gingerbread and cookies.

FAMILIAR WAYS

To some women the most dreaded thing is change. They have their little ways and routines, their friends and their associations, and they want to keep the pattern intact. It isn't always that they are so fond of the little scheme of things that they have developed; it is just that they are accustomed to it, and are comfortable in a sort of dull way. One such woman asks Miss Norris for advice in this issue. Gertrude is 29, pretty, and a successful secretary. For the last seven years she has been engaged to an ambitious, well educated man, who is now a captain in the army. He wants to get married, now that he can afford it. Gertrude, however, is so tied up with her invalid mother that she cannot bear to think of any adjustments. She wants her husband to do all the altering, yet she knows in her heart that she is asking the impossible.

is simply too big for this place. He likes hearty food; he actually suggested to me that we move Mamma to the third bedroom, off the kitchen; where she would have her own bath and be further away from us. This I will not even suggest to her.

Fears Change. "In short," the letter concludes, "I am afraid I do not want to make the concessions he seems to take for granted. And yet I love and admire Frederick, and know that he has an honorable and successful career ahead of him. But I am so happy as I am that I fear to change present circumstances for the untold. On the other hand, Mamma has not long to live, in a year or two at most they tell me, or at any moment, she may leave me, and contemplating the utter desolation of that event I feel what a comfort Fred's kindness would be. How can I gently influence him to fit his ways to mine, since I am so constituted that change is actual suffering to me?"

My dear Gertrude, I say in answer, you can't. And it would only be cruelty to try. This man wants a wife, a woman of an adaptable, imaginative, enthusiastic type of mind who will plan with him for a wider future, not a dainty, timorous, mollusk of a woman who will expect him to dine off milk toast in an invalid's bedroom, smoke in the back yard, and enjoy the companionship of a few gossiping old ladies.

You are too deeply encased in your shell ever to emerge into normal wifehood, and I wouldn't try. Just go as you are, and when Mamma dies try to get some other elderly woman to come and live with you, to keep the rugs and lamps and the teapot and the parrot-stand just where they belong.

Give Fred a generous and wholehearted dismissal. He'd wreck your little Dresden statue scheme if he married you. It will be a great relief to you to feel, "Well, that's over!" and it will free him to find some other woman, a woman who likes househunting and loves her man, and bears him children, and faces the daily ups and downs, the disappointments and triumphs, the scares and glories, responsibilities and rewards, that make up married life.

Use a Water Softener. Soap won't soften water. In fact, you'll waste a great deal of soap if you try this. Get a good chemical water softener. There are plenty of good water softeners on the market, and Mrs. Bernice Claytor, specialist at the Texas A. and M. college extension service, says that soda is one good softening agent. Studies made at one experiment station recently showed that where pure soap was used to soften hard water, the cost ran more than six cents per tubful.



Jiffy Dinners Help Woman Who Holds An Outside Job



Potato souffles, made in individual cups, are fluffy and golden brown. They're nice to serve with point-easy cold meats for ladies' lunches or evening dinners.

Women have certainly shown themselves adaptable during wartime. There aren't many who are sitting at home and idling their time away. You can be sure that those who have children to take care of; otherwise they're out working and carrying on at the home front, too, by keeping up their homes, cooking dinners and seeing that everything is spic and span "as usual."

To those who do double duty, ordinary, long drawn-out recipes are of no help. They simply don't have the time to fuss with food. Yet, meals must be nutritious, point-easy and good to look at.

Today's menus are easily prepared in less than an hour. They fill the above qualifications fully, and can help those of you who work still live up to your reputation as a good cook.

Quickie Dinner I.

Limaburgers with Cheese or Egg Sauce Broccoli
Buttered Noodles Raisin Bread Sandwiches
Wilted Lettuce Salad
Whipped Gelatin with Cream
Beverage
Oatmeal Cookies

Limaburgers. (Serves 6)
1 cup dried lima beans
1/2 cup meat drippings
1 small onion, chopped
1 cup finely chopped celery
1/2 cup flour
1 cup milk
1 egg, beaten
1 1/2 cups fine bread crumbs
1 1/2 cups grated raw carrot
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
Dash of black pepper
1/2 cup chopped salted peanuts

Prepare evening before: Soak beans for several hours in cold water, then drain, cover with boiling water and cook in a covered saucepan for 30 minutes. Drain and rub through sieve.
To make "burgers," mix lima beans with meat drippings in a saucepan, add onion and celery and saute until soft or yellow. Blend in remaining ingredients and stir over direct heat until mixture boils and thickens. Chill thoroughly.

Shape into patties, when ready to make, and dip lightly in bread crumbs. Fry in bacon drippings until browned on both sides. To make sauce stir two hard-cooked eggs, chopped, into hot white sauce. Or, use 1/2 cup grated American cheese in white sauce.

Quickie Dinner II.
Potato Souffle with Sliced Cold Cuts
Green Beans
Tossed Spring Salad
Rye Bread Butter
Cup Cakes with Chocolate Sauce
Beverage

Lynn Says:

Protective Cooking: Milk, cheese, butter and eggs are perishable. Refrigerate them carefully and cook slowly to get the most out of your food.
Cut carrots and other long vegetables lengthwise. Their cells are long and less of their nourishment will disappear if prepared this way.
Add dressing to fruits and vegetables as soon as they are cut or cubed. The dressing coats the cut surfaces and helps prevent vitamin destruction.
Shell peas or beans just before cooking to prevent air from destroying the vitamin C.
Use as little water as possible when cooking leafy vegetables. After washing vegetables such as spinach and cabbage, let water cling to the leaves and do not add any more when cooking.
Hands off—when caring for vegetables. Bruising causes rapid vitamin loss.

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menus
Braised Lamb Livers with Fried Onions
Creamed Potatoes Spinach
Jellied Grapefruit Salad Beverage
Caramel Rolls Custard Pie

In making the potato souffle, leftover potatoes may be used. Or, make enough potatoes from previous evening to use in the souffle:

Potato Souffle.
2 tablespoons butter or substitute
1/2 cup hot milk
3 cups hot mashed potatoes
1/2 cup minced onion
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
3 egg yolks
3 egg whites

Melt butter, combine with milk, mashed potato, onion and seasonings. Whip together until smooth and fluffy. Beat egg yolks and add to first mixture. Beat egg whites stiff and fold carefully into potato mixture. Bake in a buttered casserole or individual casseroles in a moderate oven (375 degrees) for 35 to 40 minutes until puffy and golden brown.

Quickie Dinner III.
Broiled Lamb Patties
Hashed Brown Potatoes
Fresh Peas and Carrots
Apple, Celery, Nut Salad
Oatmeal Bread with Apple Butter
Fresh Fruit Cup
or
Strawberries

Lamb patties are usually prepared by the butcher and they may be broiled as they come or wrapped with bacon if points permit.

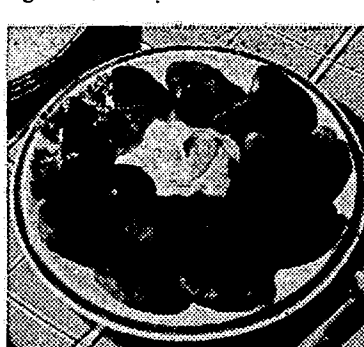
As you start broiling the patties, chop cooked potatoes with a bit of finely minced onion and start frying in hot fat until well browned. Peas and carrots will cook and be ready at the same time as meat and potatoes cook. Cut or prepare fruit for dessert while main part of dinner finishes cooking.

Quickie Dinner IV.
Green Peppers Stuffed with Corned Beef Hash
Whole Kernel Corn
Sliced Tomato-Lettuce Hearts
Bran Muffins Spread
Stewed or Canned Fruit
Beverage Cookies

Stuffed Green Peppers. (Serves 6)
3 green peppers
1 can corned beef hash
2 tablespoons butter or fat

Cut peppers lengthwise in halves; remove fiber and seeds. Drop into boiling water and let stand 10 minutes. Drain and fill with corned beef hash. Dot tops with butter. Place in shallow baking pan in a moderate-ly hot (425 degrees) oven for about 20 minutes.

A little cream added to the corn will give it flavor. This vegetable can heat while the green peppers bake. Salad and fruit may be dished out while the cooking is being done.



Mashed lima beans combined with good seasonings and white sauce are formed into patties to give a meat-like but meatless main dish.

Quickie Dinner V
Broiled Fish Fillets
Potato Chips Carrots Lyonnaise
Hot Biscuits
Honey
Tomato Salad with Thousand Island Dressing
Broiled Grapefruit Halves
Beverage

New carrots can be prepared quickly and are tasty if the following method is used:

Carrots Lyonnaise (Serves 4)
1 dozen slender carrots
2 large onions
Dash of rosemary
Dash of pepper
2 tablespoons butter or substitute
2 tablespoons boiling water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon minced parsley

Wash carrots, but do not scrape, cut lengthwise into eighths and place in heavy saucepan. Cut onions into matchstick (long, slender) pieces and add to carrots. Add all other remaining ingredients, then cover and cook for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove lid. Allow water to evaporate and vegetables to brown lightly. Serve at once.

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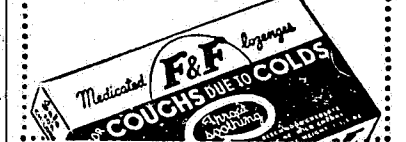
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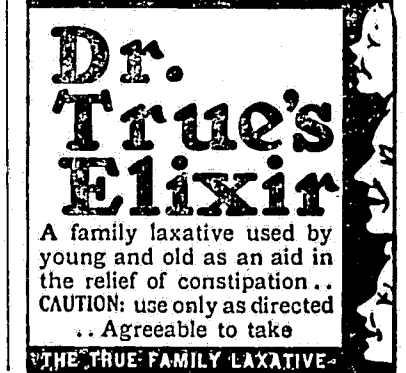


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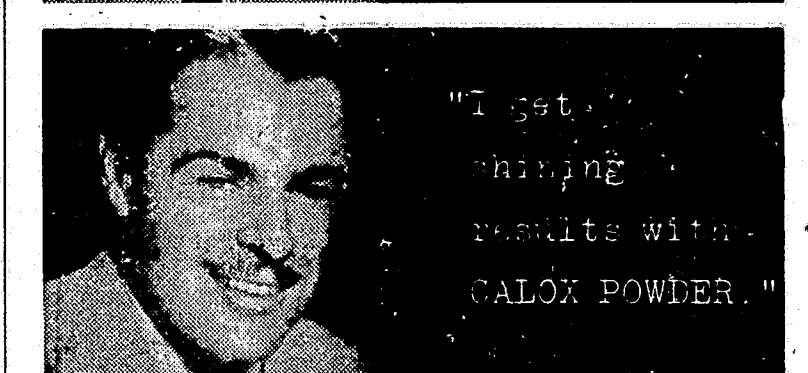
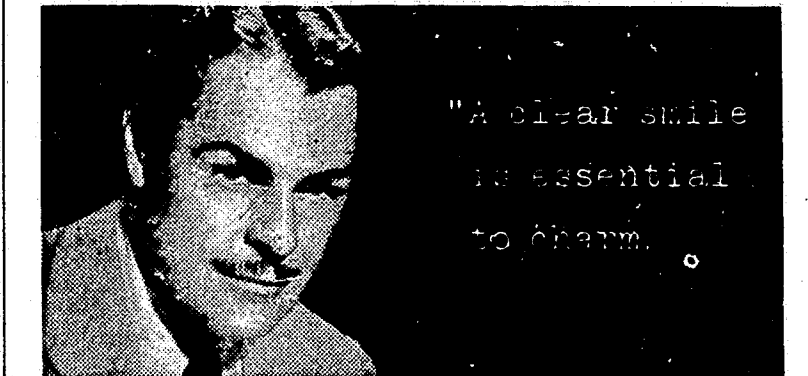


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OFF THE OKINAWA

This is the last of the troops on board a troop transport.

We are nervous the night before D-day of things, but your image of tomorrow's mares.

But those fears do not lack of confidence. W. Okinawa. Nobody has about that. But we know have to pay for it. Some will not be alive 24 hours.

We are in convoy. The big ships are lined up with our warships, escort on the outside. We are an impressive sight—yet we are only one of many similar convoys.

We left from many different places. We have been on our way many days. We are the biggest, strongest force ever to sail. We are going in expectation to be the biggest far in the Pacific.

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There is a daily argument whether or not you sleep and energy for ahead. The doctor says—enough that you can't sleep.

Life on Ship Forward Rather Dull En Route

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We don't have movie is darkened at sunset at there are only dim lights is good. We get news in a mimeographed once or twice a day. Officers broadcast the late loudspeaker.

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Ernie Pyle With the Navy:

Marines Land on Okinawa Without Battle Casualties

Leathernecks Show Nervous Tension as Zero Hour Nears

By Ernie Pyle

OFF THE OKINAWA BEACHHEAD—(By navy radio).—This is the last column before the invasion. It is written aboard a troop transport the evening before we storm onto Okinawa.

We are nervous. Anybody with any sense is nervous on the night before D-Day. You feel weak and you try to think of things, but your mind stubbornly drifts back to the awful image of tomorrow. It drags on your soul and you have nightmares.

But those fears do not mean any lack of confidence. We will take Okinawa. Nobody has any doubt about that. But we know we will have to pay for it. Some on this ship will not be alive 24 hours from now.

We are in convoy. Many, many big ships are lined up in columns with our warships escort on the outside. We are an impressive sight—yet we are only one of many similar convoys.

We left from many different places. We have been on our way many days. We are the biggest, strongest force ever to sail in the Pacific. We are going into what we expect to be the biggest battle so far in the Pacific.

Our ship is an APA, or assault transport. The ship itself is a war veteran. She wears five stars on her service ribbon—Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy and Southern France. She wears the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Legion of Merit Silver Star. She has fared well on the other side. We hope her luck holds out in the Pacific.

We are carrying marines. Some of them are going into combat for the first time. Others are veterans from as far back as Guadalcanal. They are a rough, unshaven, competent bunch of Americans. I am landing with them. I feel I am in good hands.

I've shared a cabin with Marine Maj. Reed Taylor of Kensington, Md. He is a Guadal vet and he jokingly belittles newcomers who weren't through "Green Hell." The major and I are sort of two of a stripe and we get along fine.

We have the nicest cabin either of us ever had at sea. And we've taken advantage of it by sleeping away almost the whole trip. We've slept day and night. So have many others.

There is a daily argument on ship whether or not you can store up sleep and energy for the ordeal ahead. The doctor says it's nonsense—that you can't store up sleep.

Life on Ship Found Rather Dull En Route

Our trip has been fairly smooth and not many of the troops were seasick. Down in the holds the marines sleep on racks four tiers high. It isn't a nice way to travel. But I've never heard anybody complain. They come up on deck on nice days to sun and to rest and to wash clothes, or lie and read or play cards.

We don't have movies. The ship is darkened at sunset and after that there are only dim lights. The food is good. We get news every morning in a mimeographed paper and once or twice a day the ship's officers broadcast the latest news over the loudspeaker.

They've kept us informed daily of the progress of the Okinawa bombardment that preceded our landing. Every little bit of good news cheers us.

Meetings are held daily among the officers to iron out last minute details of the landing. Day by day, the marine troops are fully briefed on what they are to do.

Everything we read about Okinawa stresses that the place is lousy with snakes. It's amazing the number of people who are afraid of snakes. Okinawa "snake-talk" crops into every conversation.

On the last day we changed our money into newly manufactured "invasion yen," drew two days' K rations, took a last bath, and packed our kits before supper. We had a huge turkey dinner and, say, we have steak and eggs for breakfast. "Fattening us up for the kill," the boys laughingly say.

At three o'clock on the last afternoon there was a celebration of the Lord's Supper. It was the afternoon before Easter Sunday. A lot of us could not help but feel the tragic irony of it, knowing about tomorrow's battle.

You wouldn't believe it. And we don't either. It just can't be true. And yet it is true.

The regiment of marines that I am with landed this morning on the beaches of Okinawa and were absolutely unopposed, which is indeed an odd experience for a marine.

Nobody among us had dreamed of such a thing. We all thought there would be slaughter on the beaches. There was some opposition to the right and to the left of us, but on our beach, nothing, absolutely nothing.

We don't expect this to continue, of course. A marine doesn't fool himself like that. Certainly there will be hard fighting ahead and we all have our fingers crossed. But to get the firm foothold we have, with most of our men ashore and our supplies rolling in, is a gift for which we are grateful.

This is Easter Sunday morning. It is a beautiful one. One of the marines, after spending months in the tropics, remarked a while ago, "This weather feels more like American weather than anything since I left home."

It is sunny and very warm. We had heard it would be cold and many of the boys wore heavy underwear. Now we are sweating and regretting. I wore two pairs of pants, but I am about to take off one of them.

Marines Equipped for Every Eventuality

We are dressed in green herringbone combat uniforms. Everybody made the trip in khaki and change this morning aboard ship. The men left their old khaki lying on their bunks and they'll be collected by the navy, cleaned and used to clothe prisoners and our own casualties who have lost their clothes.

On our ship we were up at 4 a. m. We had done our final packing of gear last night. We brought ashore only what we could carry on our backs. When we put on our new green fatigues, one marine remarked, "The latest Easter style—herringbone twill."

My schedule for landing was an early one. I was ashore a short time after the first wave. Correspondents were forbidden to go before the fifth wave. I was on the seventh.

I had dreaded the sight of the beach littered with mangled bodies. My first look up and down the beach was a reluctant one. And then like a man in the movies who looks and looks away and then suddenly looks back unbelievably, I realized there were no bodies anywhere—and I was wounded. What a wonderful feeling!

In fact our entire regiment came ashore with only two casualties. One was a marine who hurt his foot getting out of an amphibious truck. And the other was, of all things, a case of heat prostration!

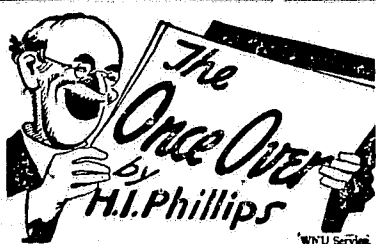
And to fulfill the picnic atmosphere, listen to this—Aboard ship we had turkey dinner last night. So this morning they fixed me up with a big sack of turkey wings, bread, oranges and apples. So instead of grabbing a hasty bite of K rations our first meal ashore, we sat and lunched on turkey wings and oranges.

There are low chalky cliffs on this island. In these cliffs are caves. In the caves are brick colored urns a couple of feet high. And in these urns are the ashes of many honorable ancestors.

Our bombardment had shattered many of these burial vaults. When our guns missed, the soldiers and marines took a precautionary look into by prying off the stone slab at the entrances.

In front, looking out to sea, stand our mighty fleet with scores of little black lines extending to shore—our thousands and thousands of landing craft bringing more men and big guns and supplies.

And behind me, not two feet away, is a cave full of ex-Japanese. Which is just the way it should be. What a nice Easter Sunday after all.



MOVIE PRICE CEILINGS

Elmer Twitchell is behind Chester Bowles to some extent in his demand for ceilings on admissions to the movie houses, but, on the other hand, he says the 38 per cent rise cited by Chester isn't so high. "Think of all the food you see in the movies these days!" he exclaims.

"When you see for so little dough all that meat, poultry, fish, and so forth in the big dinner scenes in so many pictures today," he continued, "you're getting a bargain."

We agree with Mr. Twitchell. Only yesterday we saw a movie in which there was a big dining room scene where 30 people sat down and had a 15-course dinner. We never saw so many sides of roast beef, loins of pork, whole hams and entire suckling pigs being lugged back and forth by waiters. We told Elmer about it.

"I saw that one, too," he declared. "They had pitchers of cream and even butter. The butter, mind you, was in technicolor. And no points!"

"I hadn't had a square meal in days," he went on, "but I came away from that picture with a feeling I had put on about ten pounds. I even had a touch of indigestion. I think the picture cost me ninety cents to get in, but I saw at least a thousand dollars' worth of meat."

Mr. Twitchell had one complaint. He said he thought that in movie houses where banquet scenes are being shown, the management should provide the customers with napkins.

Mr. Twitchell said that in all the big eating scenes he had noticed this season he had never yet heard any character mention napkins, either.

"Of course," he added, "in the case of movies without dinner scenes something should be done to lower prices. I think a customer has a right to ask at the box office whether any food is shown in the feature picture, and if so how much. If none is shown or if it's just a breakfast scene he should be let in for 25 per cent less."

Mr. Bowles also wants regular theater prices cut. He has something there. To see a Broadway show you now have to pay as much as you would have to pay for the down payment on a pair of shoes, 50 loaves of bread, a week's room rent or a half interest in a steak.

"At present theater prices," said Elmer, "the theater should throw in a package of cigarettes, a club sandwich and a chance on a turkey." (Note: You already get the chance on the turkey.)

Elmer Twitchell says he is willing to tighten his belt but can't get the necessary points to get a belt.

Marshall Goering is reported to have lost his mind in worrying over his great loot of jewels and paintings. He is also afraid they will take away his fannies.

NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS

Spring is here—
Here's how I know:
I cannot find
That borrowed hoe.
But still it is
An even break;
He does not know
I have his rake.

NO POET LAUREATE

Lt. Gov. Wilbert Snow of Connecticut, among the nominees for the post, has urged the legislature not to name a poet laureate for the Nutmeg state. He says all state poets are flops. This, we assume, constitutes a rejection of the author of the deathless tribute.

Connecticut's the state for me;
Its people love it ardently;
They sing of it with fervor great
While living in some other state!
Connecticut's where I was born—
For I fondly love my horn;
Oh, hear the praises loudly flow
From those who left it long ago!

Personally we do love Connecticut and can't keep away. We spend most of our time there and are a pushover for the spell of its elms, its brooks (hey, how about putting in a couple trout?) its Niantic river striped bass run, its 5-cent cigars (now 15), its horse auctions, its retention of a full-sized glass of beer (here and there), and that rare specimen of a Nutmegger who is neither looking for political office or working for or against somebody who is. Driver, take me to Essex, and don't spare the horses!

CHAOS OUT OF ORDER
Skills in the bedroom,
Bikes in the bath,
Eloquently testify
To Junior's zigzag path.
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Should melt a heart of stone,
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Today, it is a different story. Most of the good land has been cleared and is being farmed. When a farm loses its productive capacity, there may not be any place to move. And the nation's supply of food and fiber is reduced. That is why soil conservation has become so vitally important.

More than one hundred million acres of land have been seriously damaged by wind, water erosion, incorrect farming practices and other causes. Each year millions of acres more are being damaged, some beyond redemption.

Soil conservation methods are efficient, effective and easy to practice. Contour farming, terracing, strip-cropping, fertilizing and crop rotation are the principal methods used. Every farmer can get complete information and specific recommendations from his local Soil Conservation Service

Representative, his County Agricultural Agent or his Vocational Agriculture Teacher. The land that each farmer cultivates is a national heritage. It should be passed on to the next generation better than it came to him. That is a trust which each man assumes when he makes his living from the soil.

Firestone believes that soil conservation is fundamental to the welfare of our country and its people. We believe soil conservation is everybody's business. That is why we are conducting extensive experiments on the 141-year-old Firestone Homestead Farm near Columbiana, Ohio, where our founder, Harvey S. Firestone, was born. That is why we are sponsoring soil conservation contests through the 4-H Clubs, cooperating with the Future Farmers of America and promoting the exchange of ideas through the Firestone Champion Farmers Association.

We have also recently published a new booklet on soil conservation entitled, "Our Native Land, a Trust to Keep," which you may obtain without cost. Simply send your request to the Firestone Farm Service Bureau, Akron, Ohio. I feel sure that you will find this booklet interesting and instructive.

John W. Thomas
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When you came into your cabin, you found your bunk had been made up with a "flash sheet" around it. That is a black rubberized sheet, to

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

John J. Foster, Minister

9:45 Church School. Mrs. Loton Hutchins, Superintendent.

11:00 Kindergarten. Mrs. Ordell Anderson and Miss Marlene Anderson in charge.

11:00 Morning Worship Service. Topic, "Curry Oil."

The Pulpit Fellowship will meet on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock for a Vesper Service. If the weather is not permissible, the meeting will be held in the Chapel.

The Guild will meet on Wednesday evening, April 25th, at eight o'clock at the Girls' Dormitory. The speaker for the evening will be Rev. Robert N. Foster, Gorham, N. H.

METHODIST CHURCH

William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School. Miss Minnie Wilson, Superintendent.

11:00 Morning worship service. Sermon theme: "Effective Christianity Must Come from Its Living Source."

6:45 Youth Fellowship meeting at the Church. Program leaders, Marylyn Burrill and Kay Sjaugness.

On Tuesday, April 24, at 8:30 o'clock there will be a parish supper and program to which all members and parish friends are invited. Rev. Edwin Wilson, the District Superintendent, will address the gathering after the meal.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at the church Tuesday after the parish supper and program. All members of the official board should be present.

The meeting of the Men's Brotherhood has been postponed from Thursday, April 24, to Tuesday, May 1.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

"Doctrines of Atonement" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in church of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 22.

The Golden Text is: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "I and my Father are one. If I do not work by the Father, believe me, believe the works; that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in him" (John 10:30, 37, 38).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following selections from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy: "As a drop of water is one with the ocean, even so God and man, Father and son, are one in being" (page 301, 16-18).

Testimonial meetings second Wednesday of every month.

BORN

At Rumbold, April 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Swan Jr. of East Bethel, a daughter, Gloria.

At Rumbold, April 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harrington of East Bethel, a daughter, Gloria Jane.

At Lockeville, April 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders, a daughter.

MARRIED

At Washington, D. C., April 7, by Rev. Carroll Roberts, Pte. Dana Jackson of South Paris and Miss Mildred Olson of Bethel.

At Ellington Field, Houston, Tex., April 7, Miss Judy Louise Northington of Houston and Lt. Howard F. Thurston of Bethel.

DIED

At South Paris, April 15, Miss Lillian M. Stearns, formerly of Bethel, aged 75 years.

UNITED MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., Boston, Mass.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Stocks and Bonds \$10,262,848.45

Cash in Office & Bank \$1,940,984.86

Agents' Balances 680,093.89

Interest & Rents 47,432.33

Other Assets 48,448.71

Gross Assets \$12,440,214.24

Less Items not admitted \$9,771.54

Admitted \$12,387,236.70

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Unpaid Losses \$1,000,715.30

Unearned Premiums \$1,314,184.19

Other Liabilities 448,751.33

Reserve for Divs. on Unexpired Policies 418,000.00

Reserve for other Contingencies 438,000.00

Surplus over Liabilities 3,767,586.15

Total Liabilities & Surplus \$12,387,236.70

FEDERAL MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., Boston 16, Mass.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Stocks & Bonds \$1,047,089.87

Cash in Office & Bank 315,432.51

Agents' Balances 79,867.40

Interest & Rents 3,380.18

Other Assets 27,080.56

Gross Assets \$1,473,000.61

Less Items not admitted 1,236.57

Admitted \$1,471,764.04

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Unpaid Losses \$79,353.03

Unearned Premiums 677,775.90

Unassigned Funds 116,332.93

All other Liabilities 99,206.10

Surplus over Liabilities 400,000.00

Total Liabilities & Surplus \$1,472,064.04

STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO., Detroit Mich.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Real Estate \$954,089.53

Mortgage Loans 1,179,574.94

Stocks & Bonds \$1,257,478.63

Cash in Office & Bank 3,323,979.53

Agents' Balances 3,676,186.53

Bills Receivable 62,292.10

Interest & Rents 125,038.25

All other Assets 891,184.06

Gross Assets \$41,971,873.67

Less Items not admitted 258,005.37

Admitted \$41,712,868.30

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Unpaid Losses \$15,008,433.37

Unearned Premiums 3,975,585.02

Other Liabilities 846,061.43

Cash Capital 4,449,797.33

Cash 3,518,760.00

Surplus over Liabilities 10,159,989.13

Total Liabilities & Surplus \$41,712,868.40

PATRIOTIC INSURANCE CO. New York, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Stocks and Bonds \$3,011,873.76

Cash in Office & Bank 226,403.73

Agents' Balances 118,730.75

Interest & Rents 11,523.23

Other Assets 265,543.89

Gross Assets \$3,634,124.31

Less Items not admitted 47,165.56

Admitted \$3,586,958.75

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Unpaid Losses \$204,596.00

Unearned Premiums 846,061.43

Other Liabilities 1,000,000.00

Cash Capital 1,451,749.14

Surplus over Liabilities & Surplus \$3,586,958.25

SUNDAY RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett and Owen Demme were in Ketchum over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Horne and Mr. Foster and Miss Irene Foster, were Sunday callers at R. L. Foster's.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swank were at R. M. Bean's Sunday.

The game warden was in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fleet and son, David, called on Mr. and Mrs. Spencer C. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. O'Brien at Gorham, last Tuesday.

Mrs. Nettie Fleet spent Tuesday with her brother and wife, the Fred Tylors, also visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Tylor. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tylor and Mr. and Mrs. Merle McInnis, all of Bryant's Pond.

Willie Powers was home from East Bethel over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds were in Berlin Friday to see Mrs. Marion Spinnay at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey and daughter are better of their recent colds.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Suzanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood Andrews, has been ill with ear infection and unable to attend school for several days.

Mrs. Gerald Davis who has been ill for several weeks is much improved in health.

Mrs. Frederick McMillin and little son, Delma of Bethel were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thurlow and son, her of the senior class at W. H. S. in Portland on Monday for his Army examination.

Pvt. Gilman Threl is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Mrs. Threl is employed at the New England Furniture Store, Norway and is boarding with her recent in-law Mrs. Clara Threl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hemingway of North Woodstock were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Davis.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Virginia Ricker and daughter visited Sunday the 8th with Mr. and Mrs. Durward Lang at Locke Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Yates of Greenwood City and Mr. and Mrs. Bacon and son of West Paris were visitors Sunday at Herman Cole's.

Mrs. Carl Shattney of Portland recently spent a week end with her husband at Mrs. Merle Hardy's.

Mrs. George Abbott has been sick and unable to work.

Everett Cole was at the Rumbold hospital last week and had 18 teeth extracted.

FARM BUREAU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Oxford County Farm Bureau Executive Committee held its annual April meeting at Besse Tavern in Norway, April 12th. This was an all-day meeting.

Those present were: Agnes Nelson, Home Demonstration Agent; George Lord, Assistant Director of the Extension Service; also from the University of Maine: Catherine Powers, county club agent; Virginia Brown, home demonstration agent; Eva Frost, Extension agent; Laurence Secretary; William McCosker, treasurer; and the project leaders, Harold Pike, agricultural engineering; Bernard Bessey, dairy; Edman Smith, forestry; Alice Dudgeon, home management; John McKee, horticulture; William Wadsworth, poultry.

SCHOOL SAVINGS

Grade	Sav. Bank	Total	P	C
I	\$5.00	\$4.50	80	80
II	5.00	5.30	52	52
III	5.00	4.15	73	73
IV	12.00	8.30	64	64
V	\$27.00	\$22.85	52	52
VI	\$4.00	\$3.20	80	80
VII	5.00	5.00	66	66
VIII	5.00	2.00	52	52
	\$19.00	\$16.95		

CARD OF THANKS

I wish I could personally thank everyone who so kindly remembered me with flowers, cards and letters while I was in the hospital. As I cannot I am thanking you thru the paper.

ALMA C. THURSTON

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the West Bethel Cemetery Association will be held at the D. W. Cushing on Thursday, April 26, 1945, at 8 p. m. for election of officers, and transacting any other business that may legally come before said meeting. All members please be present.

DORIS O. LORD, Secretary

MUTUAL BENEFIT HEALTH AND ACCIDENT ASSOCIATION Omaha, Neb.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Mortgage Loans \$35,477.13

Stocks and Bonds 34,185,254.30

Cash in Office & Bank 4,079,016.70

Agents' Balances 102,846.30

Interest & Rents 239,169.05

Other Assets 129,169.05

Gross Assets \$39,049,130.23

Less Items not admitted \$13,611.30

Admitted \$38,735,518.48

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Unpaid Losses \$12,338,978.37

Unearned Premiums 8,512,560.82

Other Liabilities 5,587,863.71

Surplus over Liabilities 12,301,119.38

Total Liabilities & Surplus \$38,735,518.48

STATE OF MAINE

TOWN OF BETHEL

Notice to Inkeepers and Common Victualers

The Municipal Licensing Board of the Town of Bethel will be in session on Monday, the seventh of May next at 1 o'clock p. m., to license such persons of good moral character as they deem necessary to be Inkeepers and Common Victualers in the Town of Bethel for the current year. All persons desiring to be licensed shall make application and shall be required to file with said application their bond in the sum of three hundred dollars for the violation of the laws of the State in connection with the business of Inkeeper or Victualer, and, or next, at the Town Clerk's office. Dated at Bethel, Maine, this 18th day of April, A. D. 1945.

ALICE E. BROOKS 16-17 Town Clerk, Town of Bethel.

WEST BETHEL

Birthday Party

Mrs. Burton Newton entertained a party of young people Saturday afternoon in honor of her daughter Lidel's birthday. Outdoor game and stunts were enjoyed and refreshments were served. Those attending were, Davene Marble, Patty Rolfe, Mary Kneeland, Marie Mills, Alberta Merrill, Laura Bennett, Elizabeth Davis, Marvina Kendall, Jerry Davis, Ronald Kenner, David Durgin, Joseph Kneeland, Reginald Kneeland and the guest of honor, Lidel Maxwell.

Mrs. Paul Croteau and Fred Littlewood called on Mrs. Croteau's mother, Mrs. W. C. Kneacock on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leach of Groveton, N. H. were also guests at the Kneacock home.

Mrs. Wm. Richardson has returned home for the summer after spending the winter in Portland and Ipswich, Mass. Her sister, Mrs. Frank Moore, also her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood Moore of Portland brought her home.

Patrick Grenier and family are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kneeland.

Pleasant Valley 4-H Club met Saturday at Mrs. Eleanor Lovejoy's. The subject matter was Learning Color and making muffins.

Mrs. Ruby Rolfe and Mrs. Maxine Lovejoy visited school in Bethel on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Abbott of South Portland, also Joyce and Marilyn Abbott spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Abbott.

Mrs. Mary Fuller of Norway spent Monday with Mrs. Kenneth Lovejoy.

The annual meeting of the West Bethel Union Church was held in the Church parlor on Thursday evening, April 12. Eight members were present. Adm. Grover acted as moderator. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Clerk—Olive Head

Treasurer—Ruth Grover

Auditor—Maud O'Reilly

Deacons — Roland Kneeland, Franklin Burris, Bernard Rolfe, Paul Head.

Deaconesses — Libbie Kneeland, Ruby Rolfe, Ruth Walker, Georgia Cushing.

Committee—Bertha Burris, Margery Manson, Frederick Grover.

Carla Bennett and Clara Rolfe were chosen to see about getting an organ for the church.

It was voted to construct the clock to see what could be done about securing a pastor for the summer.

Mrs. Paul Head entertained a group of friends at a thirteenth birthday party for her son, John Head on Friday the thirtieth. Games relative to the date were enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the hosts. Several of the gifts were of 13 pieces of money. Guests invited were Charles Smith, Ronald Kendall, Joseph Kneeland, David Durgin, Burton Rolfe, Eldon Greenleaf and Donald Grover.

Friends at a supper for him, Paul sent were Charles Smith, a few Grover, Arthur, David and Mary Joyce Head, also his grandfather, H. N. Head.

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent

Mrs. Elsie Douglass gave a birthday party at the schoolhouse on Monday, April 9 for her daughter, Mary Ellen, and Esther Collins.

Millard Prater and Leslie Fuller have gone to Pond-in-the-River to work for the Brown Company on the drive.

The Misses Carrie Angevine and Ruth Judkins were home from Gould Academy over the week end. Miss Ruth Judkins brought as her guest, Miss Gertrude Penner of Bethel.

Kendrick Judkins left Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for a visit at his uncle's home in North Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pratt of Bethel were in town Sunday. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Durkee to Millin to visit the beach. Mrs. Gwendolyn Holt and daughter, Helen Han spent the week end at their home in Bethel.

Mrs. Fred S. Judkins and young son Fred II are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Judkins. Donald Prater drove the stage one day last week.

SEEDS

BARBED WIRE

FENCING

VIGORO

D. GROVER BROOKS



BETHEL BOY CROSSES REMAGEN BRIDGE

Pfc Clayton Crockett was with the 78th "Highlining" Division of General Hodges First Army as it crossed the Rhine at the Ludendorff railway bridge at Remagen on the night of March 7-8.

Following is a bulletin from "Your War News," an army newspaper issued overseas March 13th. The identification of the 78th lightning division in the Remagen bridgehead was officially released today. The 78th was the first infantry division across the Rhine. Lightning day and night against not only massed but also furious resistance from enemy ground forces, the 78th pushed grimly ahead to the bridgehead. The 78th has captured 6457 prisoners, including 134 officers and approximately 75 towns to date.

HANOVER Correspondent—Mrs. W. W. Worcester

Mrs. Alice Staples returned to her home Thursday of last week.

Harry Abbott went to Mexico Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Clara Rayford of South Paris spent a few days with her son, Chester Cummings and family recently.

Ice left Howard's Lake, April 12. In 1944 it was May 11.

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Mrs. Leon Wilson is Rumbold for April.

Angor Richardson and family of Bangor arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Russell for the holiday week end and a week's vacation.

The Pythian Sisters held their first meeting, Friday, April 13. Helen Barker installed Addie Saunders as M. of R. & C. It was voted to furnish a supper for the next meeting.

May 11, will be the anniversary meeting at which a dinner will be served at 12:30. All members are asked to be present or send a message to be read.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Barker were in Upton Sunday.

A doctor was called to see Will Thomas one day last week.

Paul Staples was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Pauline Lovejoy went to Lisbon Falls Monday.

Frank Morrison of Portland came to his camp Wednesday for a few days stay.

IN MEMORIAM

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Through the problems of World Warfare and Preparations for Peace, he found time to remember Pharmacy.

The contribution you are making in bringing about better service in the production of critical drugs for the armed forces is outstanding. With such work the lifesaving record of our services could not be on the high level that it now is.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

From a letter written Sept. 8, 1944, to Dr. George A. Moulton, President American Pharmaceutical Assoc.

IN the passing of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Pharmacy, Our Nation, and the Peoples of the World have lost a friend.

Bosserman's Drug Store

MEN'S AND BOYS' Non-Rationed Boots

Dick Young's RAILROAD STREET Station

TEL. 134

Effective July 1, 1944

SLABS	Sawing	Delivering in Village, full load	Sawed Slabs 2 cords to a load 4 ft. Slabs 3 cords to a load
	\$3.00 per cord	\$1.50 per cord	\$2.00 per cord

BUTTINGS \$9.00 per large load, delivered

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